



# **Contracting Specialist & Certification Program**

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# Examples of formal national and state Contract Management training programs include:

- National Contract Management Association (NCMA)
- Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing
- Certified Local Government Purchasing (CLGPO) certification administered by UNC-CH School of Government (SOG)
- Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES)
- Florida Certified Contract Manager Program

#### **DHHS** presents three options for consideration:

- DHHS in-house training.
- Partner with UNC SOG
- Partner with Dept. of Administration (DOA)-Purchase & Contract

### Implementation Options and Recommendation

#### 1. DHHS in-house training

- Contract with third party for curriculum design \$100,000 one-time cost
- Two FTEs to deliver training on an ongoing basis \$165,395 recurring salary, benefits, etc.
- No additional cost to deliver training

#### 2. Partner with UNC SOG

- Curriculum and instructional design \$90,000 one-time
- Two FTEs to deliver training on an ongoing basis \$184,348 recurring salary, benefits, etc.
- \$1,125 per participant

# 3. Partner with Department of Administration (DOA)-Purchase & Contract

- 1 FTE Curriculum designer \$82,697 recurring salary, benefits, etc.
- 2 FTEs to deliver training on an ongoing basis \$165,395 recurring salary, benefits, etc.

#### Recommendation is DHHS in-house training

## **Accomplishments to date**

- Newly hired staff with requisite skill set
- Process improvement initiatives
  - DHHS Office of Procurement, Contracts & Grants restructuring
  - Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities procurement realignment
  - Strategic Sourcing
- DOA Training Modules completed by DHHS staff statewide
  - Five modules attended by 104 staff members in 2015
  - Six modules attended by 194 staff members in 2016
  - Eight modules attended by 155 staff members in 2017<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of December 6, 2017